

***IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE***

Applicant: Gregory Plowman et al.  
Title: DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF AUR1 AND/OR AUR2  
RELATED DISORDERS  
Prior Appl. No.: 09/283,011  
Prior Appl. Filing Date: 3/31/1999  
Examiner: unassigned  
Art Unit: unassigned

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Box PATENT APPLICATION  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the present Divisional Application, Applicant respectfully requests that the application be amended as follows:

**In the Specification:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

After the Application Title, please insert:

This is a Divisional Application of Application No. 09/283,011, filed 3/31/1999, which is in turn a Divisional Application of Application No. 09/012,135, filed 1/22/98; which is in turn a Continuation-in-Part Application of Application No. 09/005,268, filed 01/09/98; which is in turn a Continuation-in-Part Application of Application No. 08/755,728, filed 11/25/96.

Page 14, line 4, delete "heterogenous" and insert --heterogeneous--.

**In the Claims:**

Please cancel claims 1-16, 19, 20, 26 and 27 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend the claims as follows:

21. (Amended) A method of treating at least one disease by administering to a patient in need of such treatment a substance that modulates the activity of at least one AUR 1 and [/or] AUR 2.

Please add the following new claims:

--29. (New) The method according to Claim 21, wherein said substance is at least one substance which shows positive results in at least one *in vitro* assay corresponding to treatment of said at lease one disease.

30. (New) The method according to Claim 23, wherein said disease is colon cancer.

31. (New) The method according to Claim 21, wherein said substance comprises an antisense oligonucleotide.--

#### REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests that the foregoing amendments be made prior to examination of the present application.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 17, 18, 21-25 and 28-31 are now pending in this application.

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

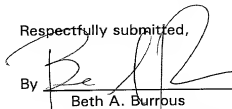
The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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